



A Global Mortality Database for Children with RSV Infection

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

DECEMBER 1, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT: TRANSITION TO CASTOR EDC PLATFORM

From 2024 onwards we will use Castor EDC instead of Research Online as online data management platform. One key advantage of Castor is its user-friendly interface which will provide a faster experience compared to Research Online. Another noteworthy advantage is that all data management tasks are integrated into Castor. RSV GOLD collaborators will be able to view and respond to data quality queries, as well as make necessary adjustments, directly on Castor. To submit cases via Castor, a Castor account is necessary. Importantly, Castor ensures a secure platform. Creating an account is both cost-free and straightforward. As we are now in the transition phase, please contact us by sending an e-mail to rsvgold@umcutrecht.nl for further instructions on how to submit new cases.

Please note that the personalised Research Online link will no longer be accessible as of **January 1, 2024**. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions regarding this transition, please feel free to contact us at rsvgold@umcutrecht.nl.

REGISTER FOR RSVVW'24 IN INDIA NOW!

On 13-16 February 2024, the ReSViNET Foundation will host its 8th conference **RSVVW'24 – A Global Conference on Novel RSV Preventive and Therapeutic Interventions** in Mumbai, India. The aim of the conference is to learn and share knowledge on current research, and to connect worldwide the leading researchers, scientists, physicians, industry, academic scientists, scholars, decision-makers, and representatives from regulatory, global health, and governmental organisations.



A GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEL RSV PREVENTATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS
8th ReSViNET Conference Feb 13-16, 2024 Mumbai, India मुंबई, भारत

Researchers, physicians, and companies from around the world are invited to join the discussion and share their knowledge. Specifically, scientists and physicians from **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)** and young researchers are encouraged to attend and to apply to receive support. This conference is an important forum for all stakeholders to discuss the latest achievements in the RSV field as well as to promote opportunities for future international collaboration. Please visit the ReSViNET webpage for more information!

NEW INCLUSIONS- RSV GOLD II

We sincerely would like to thank **Annette Alafaci** from **Murdoch Children's Research Institute** in Melbourne, Australia, and **Dr. Fahmida Chowdhury** and **Dr. Ariful Islam** from **Khulna Medical College Hospital** in Khulna, Bangladesh for contributing new cases to our registry.

RSV PRESENTATIONS AT WSPID

The World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) hosted its 13th congress in Durban, South Africa from 14-17 November. The programme included several RSV-centred presentations raising awareness for RSV-burden and sharing developments in the RSV field from research groups around the world. This event presented an opportunity to share findings from the RSV GOLD projects to a wide audience.



On behalf of Yvette Löwensteyn, Farina Shaaban presented findings from the RSV GOLD – ICU Network Study. The study illustrates characteristics of children under 2 years of age who are seen with RSV at the PICU in 10 Gavi eligible countries. Additionally, Neele Rave presented the RSV GOLD – Health Economics Study, and shared preliminary results of the cost of illness study currently in progress in four LMIC sites.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR MORE RSV AWARENESS

During **RSV Awareness week**, from November 6-10, special emphasis was given to the RS virus and its impacts, in line with the onset of the RSV season in Europe. The RSV Gold team is very passionate about creating more awareness about RSV, which is why we encourage spreading awareness through presentations about RSV worldwide. To facilitate this objective and to celebrate RSV Awareness week, we are now offering free downloadable presentation slides and infographics on RSV-associated childhood mortality for educational ends. You can access these resources on our website's Educational Material page at <https://rsvgold.com/awareness/> and find out how to make an appearance on our success stories page!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The RSV GOLD team wants to wish all of our collaborators happy holidays this upcoming season. We want to thank you for your support and dedication!

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